Curbs on construction of high rising buildings

1309. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government propose to curb the rampant construction of high rising buildings in the cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): Urban Development and Housing fall within the purview of State Governments. It is for the State Governments to formulate suitable guidelines regarding high rise buildings, the recommendation of National Commission on Urbanisation in favour of low rise buildings in this regard have been sent to all States/Union Territories for necessary action.

Non-payment of provident fund dues by jute mill owners in West Bengal

1310. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of jute mills in West Bengal have defaulted in the payment of provident fund dues; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to realise the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The EPF authorities have been taking following action for recovery of outstanding dues from the Jute Mills:—

(i) Filing of prosecutions under Section 14 of the EPF Act; and

(ii) Filing of complaints under section 460/469 IPC with the police in cases of non-payment of contribution recovered from the wages of the employees.

(iii) Issuing of revenue recovery certificates under section 8 of the EPF Act for realisation of outstanding dues from the unexempted establishments.

Meeting of the Central Advisory Council for Public Distribution System

1311. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Central Advisory Council for public distribution system was convened on July 5th, 1989; and

(b) if so, the details of discussions held therein and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following were the main issues discussed in the meeting:

(i) Adequacy of fair price shops in tribal, desert and remote areas, etc.

(ii) Strengthening of monitoring arrangements for P.D.S.

(iii) Rationalisation of margins of Fair Price Shops owners.

(iv) Door-step delivery of Public Distribution System items to fair price shops.

(v) Scheme for distribution of subsidised foodgrains in ITDP areas.

The States/UTs were requested to make continuous efforts to strengthen the PDS to ensure an uninterrupted flow of essential commodities to the public.